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Newsletter #41:

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Hello! I hope everyone had a great week. This coming week is going to be very busy indeed. The Baltimore trade show is finally upon us. I'm taking a table for the first time which should be exciting. There are other things happening around the world though so let's get to it!

CNG EAuction 409 (closes Nov 8)

CNG has 987 lots of ancient and world coins on offer. There are always nice coins and reasonable prices within their EAuctions. I suggest checking it out. If you are interested in anything please let me know and I can help you. Contact me for specifics.

Aureo & Calico (live auction Nov 9)

If you haven't looked at the Aureo & Calico auction yet online then please consider doing so. The small but impressive Roman collection has some extremely impressive coins. I mentioned last week that I am working with another dealer who will view and attend the auction on my behalf. Therefore, it will be almost like I am there. If you want to take advantage of my services please reach out soon. My colleague will be viewing on the 8th so this will be the best time to get bids to me. The cost for my representation services will not increase for this auction.

Baltimore Coin Show - Whitman Coin Expo (Nov 9-12)

I will be at booth 1246 at the Whitman Coin Expo! I hope if you are located close enough and decide to attend the show you will stop by to say hello. I will be bringing

my entire inventory with me so anything that is listed on my vcoins page and/or website will be at the show for viewing and buying. Hope to see you there!

Hess Divo "Galba" Auction 333 (Nov 30)

I already mentioned this exciting auction in last week's newsletter. Hess Divo is offering an extensive collection of Galba coinage formed with the help of the late Silvia Hurter. For those of you that didn't know Silvia she was a remarkable WOMAN in numismatics. I remember meeting her for the first time (or at least remember it) as a 17 year old in Zurich. Silvia worked at the auction powerhouse Bank Leu and rose through the ranks over the years. She worked with this particular collector to form a rather complete collection of Galba coinage (no easy task considering the popularity of collecting this emperor).

I was fortunate to view the entire auction when I was in Switzerland. I'm planning to phone bid this auction and have coordinated it already. Please let me know as far in advance if you are interested in any lots. The auction is viewable on Sixbid. Please note that there are other nice coins for offer that aren't Galba but this small group is definitely one that caught my eye!

New Shipping Address

I have a new shipping address. Please remember to send me payments or catalogs to this new address. There is forwarding on my mail in place but eventually you should all use this address.

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Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

ISLANDS off ATTICA, Aegina. c. 370 BC

AR Stater, 12.09g (22mm, 6h). Land tortoise with segmented shell / Incuse square of thin skew pattern and no control markings

Pedigree: Ex Künker 32 (6 March 1996), lot 2057; Münzen und Medaillen AG FPL 262 (March 1966), no. 14.

Price: \$4,500

Aegina, Corinth and Athens were the very first to coin money in the western Greek world in the 6th century BC. Unlike the communities on the western coast of Asia Minor which struck electrum, an alloy of gold and silver, the mainland Greeks used only silver as their metal of choice. Of course this predilection towards silver was assuredly due to the close proximity of silver mines. Aegina, which held a supreme position of power on the sea, used the mines at Siphnos (modern day Sifnos), an island in the Cyclades in Greece. The other great mines at Laurium, Damastion and Paeonia served other leaders such as Athens. The earliest of the Aegina staters show a sea turtle, which was a badge of their powerful city. It is suggested that once Aegina lost its stature as a leading seafaring community it revised its coinage to reflect a land tortoise.

Coins from Aegina are among the most cherished of the early Greek coin series. The high relief turtles on generously sized flans reflect the strength of the city state. Most collectors of ancient coins enjoy to have both a land and sea turtle in their collections.

References: Milbank pl. II, 14; HGC 6, 438; SNG München 566–9; SNG Delepierre 1545; Dewing 1686

Grade: VF, lightly toned, slightly weak strike on head. Well centered

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!
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